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Vienna, June 27. N. S.

ON Saturday last there was a Turnament perform'd at the Imperial Palace of the Favourite, in presence of the Court, and a vast number of Spectators. There were 14 Competitors, besides the Emperor; and four Prizes, one for each sort of Weapon with which they perform'd the Exercises. The Emperor won two of them with the Pistol and Dart; Count Zierotin won the Prize of the Sword, and Count Waldstein that of the Launce. The Judges were the Portugueze Ambassador, the Prince of Salm High Steward of the Imperial Court, Count Trautson Great Chamberlain to the Emperor, and Count Waldstein Great Marshal of the Court. This Martial Exercise was design'd to have been perform'd on the Day appointed for celebrating the Name of the Empress; but the rainy Season obliged them to defer it some Days. Sunday last having been St. John's Day, the Name which the King of Portugal bears, his Ambassador made choice of it for declaring the intended Marriage between his Master, and Mary Ann, Arch-Dutchess of Austria, second Sister to the present Emperor. The Ambassador went to Court on this Occasion in great Ceremony, being Cloath'd in the Spanish Dress, and sitting alone in his Coach of State; the Gentlemen of his Retinue following him in six other Coaches, with his Livery; and his Pages and Footmen appearing all with new Liveries. He first had Audience of the Emperor, of whom he demanded the Arch-Dutchess in Marriage; then he had Audience of the Empress Consort in her Apartment; and afterwards of the Empress Dowager, in whose presence he demanded Consent of the Arch-Dutchess her self, and presented her with the King's Picture richly set with Diamonds. After the Arch-Dutchess had accepted of the Picture, with her Mother's Consent, the Ambassador kiss'd her Hand, as an acknowledgement of her being his Master's Royal Bride. The Solemnity of this Day was concluded with a Ball at Court; and the next Day the Ambassador gave a splendid Entertainment and Ball at his House to all the People of Quality, and threw out of his Windows among the People the Sum of 6000 German Florins in Gold and Silver. The 9th Day of July is appointed for Solemnizing the Marriage. An Express arriv'd here from Naples, brings Advice, that on the 12th Instant there arriv'd in that Port a Tartan of Trapani in Sicily, with Intelligence, that the Inhabitants of Palermo had on the 29th past taken up Arms against the French that were there in Garrison, upon their taking possession by force of the Walls and Gates of the Town; that they had kill'd 600 French, and made themselves Masters of the Castle towards the Sea; and that they had dispatch'd some of their Senators in a Felucca to Barcelona, to acquaint King Charles that they had declared for him as their lawful Sovereign, and to implore his Protection. Signior Tiepolo, who is nam'd Ambassador from the Rebublick of Venice to this Court, is arriv'd here.

Berne, June 20. N. S. The Business of Tockenburg is compos'd at the Diet of Arau; the Governor of that Country having, at last, publish'd Mandates for allowing the free Exercise of both Religions, and order'd severe Penalties to be inflicted on any who shall presume to give any Disturbance to either Party on that account. The Pope's Nuntio hath presented a Letter from his Master to the Catholick Cantons, and accompanied it with a Memorial from himself, wherein he complains of the Invasion of the Ferrareze by the Imperial Troops, and in a beseeching Stile earnestly presses them to grant him a Levy of 3000 Men, and send them with all possible speed to the Assistance and Defence of the Holy See. This Memorial hath been communicated to all the Catholick Cantons; and, 'tis probable, that their Deputies will come instructed upon that Matter to the general Diet of the 13 Cantons, which is to meet at Baden on the 5th of the next Month; tho' it is thought France will oppose the sending these Succours, those Cantons being already so much drain'd, that their Troops in the French Service find it very difficult to recruit. Monsieur de Puysieux, the French Ambassador here, being recall'd, sets out for Paris on the 27th Instant, without staying for the arrival of his Successor, or taking Leave of the general Diet. He designs to pay that Compliment by Letter, and leave a Secretary here to deliver it to the Diet. Our Letters from Genoa of the 24th Instant say, all the Troops design'd for Barcelona were upon their March to Vado, and would be embark'd, and ready to sail on the 8th of July.

From the Camp at Terlanck, *July 2. N. S.* On Saturday the 30th of June, one of our Parties advancing towards the Enemies Camp, had the Fortune to fall in with some of the foremost of their Foragers, and took a booty of 50 Horses with an Ensign, the rest of them being making their escape into the Woods, while ours were securing the Horses. Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Marlborough receiv'd Advice by an Express from the Prince of Savoy, dated from Coblentz on Friday last, that having made the necessary Disposition, he was beginning his March that Morning with his whole Army towards the Maese; that his Highness would make all possible Expedition with the Horse, and leave the Foot to come after by easier Marches; that he hop'd the former would be at Maestricht the 6th or 7th of this Month, and that he design'd to be there himself on Wednesday, in order to come forward to the Camp, to concert the Operations against the Arrival of the Troops. Our Army, and that of the Enemy, continue still in their former Camps; but upon Notice that the Enemy were preparing to send away their heavy Baggage, his Grace has given Orders for our Army to be in a readiness to March. The Electoral Prince of Hanover went on Saturday to Brussels; where his Highness was entertain'd with a Ball and Opera, and return'd this Morning to the Army.

From the Camp at Anderlecht, *July 5. N. S.* His Grace the Duke of Marlborough having had Notice for two Days past, that the Enemy had loaden their heavy Baggage, receiv'd Advice yesterday Noon, that a considerable Detachment was march'd towards Tubise; and in the Night, that their Army had follow'd about nine in the Evening; whereupon Orders were given for ours to be immediately in a readiness, and about three this Morning we began our March towards this Place, where we are Encamp'd with our Left, and the Right at St. Quintains Lennok. About Noon his Grace had Notice, that the Enemies Detachment was advanc'd as far as Alost, and had broke down the Bridge there over the Dender; upon which his Grace order'd Major-General Borhmere, with 2000 Horse and Dragoons, to March and pass over at Dendermond, to observe the Enemy, and for the Protection of the Town of Ghent, and the Pais de Waes. By the last Advices, their Army is at Ninove, and ours order'd to be in a readiness to pursue their March upon the first notice. His Grace has just now an Express, that Prince Eugene of Savoy came Yesterday to Maestricht, and intended to set forwards toward the Army this Morning with Major-General Cadogan, who was sent to attend him, so that his Highness is expected to Night, or early to Morrow.

From the Camp at Herfelinghen, *July 9. N. S.* As soon as our Army was encamp'd at Anderlecht, the 5th Instant, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough receiv'd Advice, that the Enemies Army was marching towards the Dender, with a Design to pass that River at some distance above Alost; whereupon his Grace went about one in the Morning to the Right of the Line, and gave Orders for our Army to form, in order to attack the Enemy as soon as it was Light; before which time they had passed the River with so much precipitation, that they sunk their Bridges, and left on our side a considerable part of their Baggage, whereof some belong'd to the Duke of Burgundy, which was plunder'd by our Men, with above 300 Prisoners. There came over likewise to us on this March a much greater number of Deserters, besides those which went to Brussels, and our other Garrisons. Our Army continu'd their March the same Day, and encamp'd at Assche, where Prince Eugene of Savoy arriv'd from Maestricht. His Grace receiv'd Advice here, that the Detachment the Enemy had made from their Army on Wednesday, and their March over the Dender, was for the Execution of a Conspiracy form'd with some of the Inhabitants of Ghent, to deliver that Place into their Hands, which was effected about seven on Thursday Morning, by several Soldiers in Boors Habits, being first admitted by the Burghers to seize one of the Gates, while they refus'd Major-General Murray, with the Forces under his Command, Entrance at another, which would have secur'd the Place. The Major-General thereupon retir'd to Sas-van Ghent, and the Enemy having made Preparations for attacking the Citradel in form, the Major who commanded there with 300 Men, 'tis said, surrendred Yesterday Morning upon honourable Conditions; but we have not yet the particulars. Some